

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, Salve Regina will host year-long activities, open to all, centered around the theme "The Enduring Power of Vision: Tradition, Achievement, Challenge." These activities, including a conference on cultural and historical preservation, will take place on the university's 60-acre campus, bordering on the famed Cliff Walk in Newport.

Mr. President, you may be interested to know that since the enrollment of its first class on September 24, 1947, the university has expanded to offer 29 undergraduate majors in the arts and sciences and 16 graduate programs, including a Ph.D. in Humanities.

I am particularly pleased that the continued success and achievement of Salve Regina will be celebrated this year. And I am very proud to congratulate Salve Regina University for its 50 years of dedication and excellence in education.●

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION ON VOTE—AMENDMENT NO. 382

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, on Tuesday, June 17, I was unable to vote. I would have voted "yes" on the Lugar amendment No. 382 to S. 903, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1997.

I believe that the United States should pay our debt to the United Nations. However, I also believe that change and reform in the United Nations are essential if the United Nations is to be revitalized. The U.S. dues for the regular U.N. budget and for international peacekeeping should be reduced. These cost-saving goals can be achieved but we will have to convince our allies and friends, who will have to bear a larger portion of the costs as our contributions decline, that we are serious about our leadership and our compliance with our obligations. That is why I believe that Senator LUGAR offered a reasonable solution to wipe the slate clean of our arrears and clear the way to pursue the U.N. reforms that will make it a more viable institution.

I am hopeful that when this bill emerges from the conference committee the 38 benchmarks mandated in title XXII of the bill as pre-conditions for our payment will be addressed and corrected.●

#### FAIRNESS IN AMERICA'S DAIRY INDUSTRY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to speak once again of one of the greatest impediments to a free market system for U.S. dairy: the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

The compact as approved by Secretary Glickman permits six States in the New England area to set the minimum price paid to dairy producers above the minimum price guaranteed by the federal milk marketing order system. I believe this type of artificial price increase will inevitably lead to

an overproduction of milk in the New England area. Unfortunately, this may serve to further reduce milk prices paid to dairy farmers in Michigan and in other regions of the country. Subsidizing an already subsidized industry is totally unnecessary and, in my opinion, creates a dangerous precedent in allowing regions or States to set up artificial trade barriers. This seems to contradict the intention of last year's freedom to farm bill: removing price controls and taking Government out of farming.

I supported the freedom to farm bill because it eliminates agriculture subsidies and gives American farmers the ability to choose which crops to grow. This bill was of paramount importance to the promotion of free markets in the global economy for this Nation's agriculture producers. I was disheartened when the Northeast interstate dairy compact slipped into the farm bill conference report at the last moment. It is my hope that Congress will correct this flaw and move U.S. agriculture one step closer to establishing a true market economy.●

#### THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAVISES

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 70th wedding anniversary of Gerald and Billie Davis Jones of West Monroe, LA. They celebrate their anniversary today with a large gathering of family and friends. The Joneses have been model citizens and contributed to their church and community in both large and small ways. We salute them for their impressive stability and wish them continued happiness together.●

#### BISMARCK RECEIVES ALL- AMERICAN CITY AWARD

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the city of Bismarck, ND, for recently being named an "All-America City."

This honor comes as no surprise to those of us who have been proud to call Bismarck home. But for many years, weather reports of blowing snow and subzero temperatures enabled us to keep what we call the good life in Bismarck a well-guarded secret. With this award and new national prominence, residents of Bismarck, ND, can no longer be modest.

Bismarck is a place where the quality of life is good, the economy is growing, and the threat of crime is practically nonexistent. Our kids can go to good schools without worrying about carrying knives or guns and they can play outside on their streets after dark. It is a place where people still get to know their neighbors and where hard-working people can make a decent wage. Unemployment for the city is a mere 2.7 percent, well below the national average of 4.8 percent.

But now our secret's out—and I'm pleased it has been done with such

honor. Only 10 cities receive the All America City designation each year from the National Civic League. This year, 120 cities applied and only 30 were chosen as finalists. By surpassing the 20 other cities nationwide to win the award, Bismarck gained a title and prominence that will surely attract new businesses, increase population, and provide new opportunities for growth in our State.

Bismarck currently has a population of close to 50,000 residents—most of whom are very hard-working, civic minded people who get involved in the decisions that affect their community—which is one of the main reasons the city was chosen for this award. While Bismarck received recognition from the judges for three of its projects, the city was singled out for its unique city sales tax allocation. In Bismarck, citizens have a share in the decision of where their city sales tax is spent. The judges applauded this unique approach to local government that gives taxpayers input for city projects. What a remarkable idea.

Bismarck was also recognized for its Suicide Prevention Task Force and some local programs produced at the Anne Frank exhibit, including a 10-minute script that pokes fun of images that some people have of Bismarck and North Dakota.

Again, I want to congratulate the city of Bismarck for receiving this prestigious All-America City Award. It is exemplary of the good people and good quality of life that we've always enjoyed in our State.●

#### MR. PATRICK BISTRAN, JR.

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Patrick Bistran, Jr., of Amagansett, NY, on the occasion of his retirement from the board of education of the Amagansett Union Free School District after 30 years of service.

As a student, Pat Bistran earned recognition in both academic and athletic pursuits. He held almost all the high school track and field records. Local legend has it that some of them still stand today. His leadership in school evolved into a devotion to community service.

Throughout his 30 years on the board, he never wavered in his commitment to the children of the Amagansett School District. Guided by common sense and an admirable dose of doggedness, his can-do attitude was always applied for the good of the children. After a fire destroyed the school gymnasium in 1975, Patrick Bistran fastidiously saw to every detail regarding the replacement of the building. To his credit, the facility exceeded even the grandest expectations and came in under budget.

While voluntarism has now become fashionable throughout the land, the concept is not new to Patrick Bistran; for him, it is a way of life. I am certain the Members of the Senate join me in saluting Patrick Bistran for his 30